

Just a Thought



Good Ground

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In my church, we sometimes pray for God to make us good ground. This references Luke 4, the parable of the sower. As you may know, the seeds that fall on good ground are the “ones who having heard the word with an honest and good heart, hold on to it, and by enduring, bear fruit.” The other seeds fall on the path to be eaten by birds, on the rock where they spring up but have no root and so wither, and among thorns that spring up with the seeds and choke them out.

The next parable is about light. Many of us will remember the children’s song about letting our lights shine. In verse 18, Jesus makes one of His comments that seem at first to be off topic. He said, “Therefore take care how you listen. For whoever has, more will be given to him; and whoever does not have, even what he thinks he has will be taken away.”

I have never seen before that this ties in with the sower parable. So who are the “haves” and who are the “have-nots”? We go back to the good ground. These people are the “haves.”

So, how do we become good ground? We pray. We pray for ourselves and all those we love. We pray for all people. We pray that God will give us honest, good hearts to accept His Word and that He will make us good ground to produce good fruit. Then we will truly have His Word and His Presence. Then we will be given more, and no matter how mature we are and how much fruit we have produced, there is always more with Jesus-- more fruit, more of His presence, more of His love. Then, when the troubles of this world come, we will cling to Jesus and He will bring us through.

Lord, please make each one reading this good ground for Your Word. Let us be light to Your world and produce fruit for Your kingdom.